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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a Continuation Application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending application Serial No. 10/274,940, filed October 21, 2002, by Donald J. Larnard, entitled ACCESSORY FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT, all of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including eight sheets of drawings containing Figs. 1-14, as originally filed.

I hereby state that the attached papers are a copy of the prior application Serial No. 10/274,940, filed October 21, 2002, without any new matter therein.

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, eight sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1-14, a copy of a prior executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, a check to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the amount of \$498.00, and a return receipt postcard.

Please cancel in this application original Claims 20-32 of the prior application, and add Claims 34-36 as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith, before calculating the filing fee.

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Small Entity Status has been established in parent application Serial No. 10/274,940, filed October 21, 2002.

The parent application was assigned to Seacoast Technologies, Inc., and is recorded at Reel 013413, Frame 0553.

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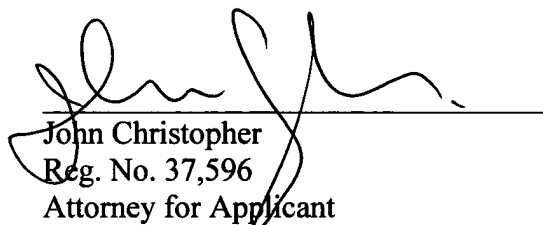
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